

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

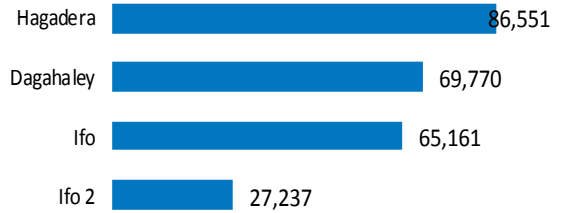
UNHCR DADAAB BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

1 - 15 April 2017

UPDATES

Population as of 15th April 2017: **248,719**

Refugees: 247,001
Asylum seekers: 1,718



HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary repatriation

- During the reporting period, 1,836 refugees were supported to return to their homes in Somalia. As of 15th April 2017, 61,665 Somali refugees have returned home since 8th December 2014, when UNHCR started supporting voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya, out of which 22,351 were supported in 2017 alone. Currently, 20,991 refugees are registered for voluntary repatriation.
- Road convoys to Somalia are suspended due to the heavy rains in Dadaab area of operation and some parts of Somalia. UNHCR Somalia and its partners are closely monitoring the accessibility of roads in the twelve designated return areas. However, Flights to Mogadishu currently facilitate the voluntary return of those willing to travel by air. Similar flights to Kismayu are scheduled for 19th April 2017.



Seven-year-old Sarah and her family visited the Return Help Desks to register for voluntary repatriation to Somalia.

Photo: UNHCR/A. Nasrullah

Relocation to Kalobeyi (Kakuma)

- During this period, a total of 238 individuals from 74 households were relocated to Kalobeyi using five flights. This shows a significant reduction in the number of persons showing up at the return help desks. Last week, there were only 68 cases reported to have visited the relocation help desks in the camps. Out of this, 44 have expressed willingness to be relocated with the remaining 24 not willing. So far, the total number of people relocated stands at 4,904 with 4,693 (representing 1300 families) being assisted in 2017 alone.

UPDATES

Protection

- **Legal Documentation:** The County Civil Registrar completed his mission on civil registration where a total of 3,048 civil documents were issued.
- **Individual Case Management:** During the reporting period, a total of 194 persons of concern were attended to at the Community Based Protection desk in Dagahaley, Ifo2 and Ifo camps, attending to a range of concerns from; new arrival, card reactivation, voluntary repatriation, general protection, health, education, inter-camp transfers, resettlement, RSD inquiries, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. These cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance to lead partners and other units specialist within UNHCR.
- **Services to Persons with Specific Needs:** Vulnerability assessment for new arrivals in Ifo 2 Refugee Camp started on Tuesday, 4th April and is ongoing. The exercise identified 87 and 22 most at risk and with specific needs individuals in Ifo 2 and Ifo respectively. These individuals have been referred to relevant partners for appropriate assistance and protection.
- **Capacity Building:** Protection unit facilitated the Safe Haven referral pathway training for 30 protection staff members from UNHCR and protection partner agencies. The purpose of the training is to ensure that partners are well informed on case procedures/ criteria at the Safe Haven in light of the new revised SOPs so as to guarantee better service provision to Persons of Concern and avoid any fraud on the protection risk.
- **Access to Justice & Legal Documentation:** On April 11th, UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab undertook a one day mission to Garissa to have discussions with the Honourable Justice of Garissa High Court and the Chief Magistrate of Garissa. The issues discussed and raised therein were Completion and handover of the Dadaab Court house, future training and capacity building of judicial officials in the north eastern region of Kenya and arbitrary arrests and detention of persons crossing into Kenya.

During the meeting UNHCR stated that enhanced co-operation, constant communication and dialogue between UNHCR and the Judiciary is necessary for the protection of refugees particularly where the rights of these persons of concern to access territory and seek asylum at border points and other remote areas is at risk.

UNHCR also informed the Honourable Justice of Garissa High Court and the Chief Magistrate of Garissa that over the last few months UNHCR and Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) have reported increased cases of arbitrary arrests/detentions of refugees and asylum seekers, whereby between February and April 161 persons of concern were arrested on immigration related charges across the migration corridor.

- **Undocumented refugees:** As of 12th April 2017, the total number of unregistered individuals stood as 2,641 persons profiled across the camps.
- **Continuous Registration:** During the reporting period, a total number of 137 new born babies were registered and issued with the birth certificates.
- **Legal Aid Clinic:** During the reporting period, six persons (4 females and 2 girls) were provided with psychosocial counselling and support in court and at the police station. They were provided with updates of their cases, provided with further pre-trial preparation and counselled on possible outcomes of their cases.
- **Court attendance monitoring:** UNHCR Garissa attended four court sessions to oversee court proceedings of cases and monitor representations of POCs



Refugee children from Ifo camp of Dadaab.

Photo: UNHCR/A. Nasrullah

over the two weeks, while our RCK colleagues attended to court proceedings daily.

- **Prison data:** During the reporting period, there were a total of 122 persons of concern in both detention centres, however, the figure keeps on changing from time to time depending on discharges and arrest on each particular day.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- On 5th April, a training was held with the key SGBV partners on the Safe Haven and the referral methodology to this area. It was agreed that there needs to be put in place proper mechanisms for referral to the Safe Haven. Partners agreed during this training that the Safe Haven should serve as a last resort after considerations of all other interventions at camp level. It was further agreed that there was need to revamp the Safe Haven panel so that all cases could be discussed before submission. Partners were further reminded to diligently follow up on the cases already admitted in the safe haven.

During the training, IRC was encouraged to form Safe homes in Hagadera as one of the Community Based Intervention options before a family is relocated to the Safe Haven.

Child Protection

- **Child Protection:** A mini Best Interest Determination (BID) Panel meeting was held on 5th April, while a full BID Panel meeting was held on 12th April. In total, 57 BIDs were reviewed: 55 exploring voluntary repatriation as a durable solution, 1 exploring resettlement as a durable solution, and 1 which was referred due to protection concerns.
- A first meeting of recently-agreed bi-weekly coordination meetings between UNHCR Protection and Save the Children child protection staff was held on 10th April. Among the issues discussed were planned workshops on finalizing harmonized Standard Operating Procedures for child protection case management, an Information-Sharing Protocol, and a refresher training for Best Interest Determination Officers and Panel members. UNHCR staff emphasized the need to clear the existing backlog of pending BIDs requested to explore voluntary repatriation for separated children, while SCI outlined their plans to develop child-friendly spaces in the transit centres, which are expected to be up and running by the end of May 2017.
- Representatives of the Dadaab Inter-Agency Child Protection Working Group met on 13th April 2017 to continue efforts to disseminate the child-friendly messaging developed to address select thematic areas affecting refugee children and families in Dadaab. A representative from Film Aid shared the creative brief for them to develop radio spots, posters, and banners sharing the messages in several different languages.



Refugee children in Dadaab camps.

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Health

- A Polio mass vaccination campaign targeting children under five years old was conducted in Dadaab camps on 1st to 5th April with a successful administrative coverage of more than 95%.
- Cholera outbreak was officially declared in Dadaab Refugee Camps on 2nd April after the first confirmed case from Dagahaley camp. Since then a total of ten cases have been line listed. All the cases were isolated and managed and no death case has been reported so far.

Education

- Schools were closed on 7th April 2017 for the April holidays in Dadaab Refugee Camps and are expected to open on 2nd May for second term.
- **Borderless Higher Education for Refugees:** April holiday classes were in session during the reporting period. There were onsite face to face tutorial classes for the York University Bachelor of Arts (Geography) students, and a final one for Moi University's Diploma in Teacher Education (Secondary) students. Moi University School of Nursing students are registered for online classes and will sit for 2nd Semester examinations from 24th April 2017. In addition, *Kenyatta University held their tutorial sessions during the second week of March with all students enrolled in the education programs set to start their practicum in May 2017*".



Ten-year-old, Mohamed Abdullahi Hassan, from Somalia studies in class five at Central Primary School, in Hagadera camp of Dadaab.

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Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR held bilateral discussions with DRC for the onset of the Artist for Refugee (A4R) 2017 project. The A4R project is aimed at training refugee artists in the camps in order to build their individual capacity and that of other youth in the camps to improve their access to alternative livelihood opportunities through arts with focus on visual and music.

Food Security and Nutrition

- The general food distribution for the month of April was commenced on 1st March. It was completed successfully across all the five camps by 8th April with no major incident reported.

Water and Sanitation

- **Water supply:** During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 33.7 liters of water per day per capita from 29 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the five Dadaab camps. 26 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV – Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 47 tanks with a total storage capacity of 5,550 m³, from where the water distributed to refugees through 845 tap stands scattered around the five camps.
- **Hygiene Promotion:** During the reporting period, 271 Hygiene promoters were actively engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps
- **Sanitation coverage:** During the reporting period, there were 51,853 household latrine in the four camps as of April 15th, 2017. The coverage rose to 89.2% up from 63% in June, 2016. 195 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas in the camps.

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